



FIRE MOBILIZATION NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Fire Mobilization Ordered for Mill Creek Fire in Lincoln County

CAMP MURRAY –State fire assistance was mobilized late today to support firefighters working to contain a 600-acre wildfire that threatens as many as 25 residences and several thousand acres of wheat in the Mill Creek area of northeast Lincoln County. The fire area is approximately 10 miles northeast of Davenport.

Washington State Patrol Chief Lowell Porter authorized the State Fire Services Mobilization Plan at 7 p.m. today. Under the plan, the Washington State Patrol's Fire Protection Bureau has ordered 25 wild land engines to the fire. Most of the engines are from western Washington counties because of the current commitments of eastern Washington fire-fighting resources.

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray has been activated since July 30 to coordinate state assistance for the Elk Heights fire in Kittitas County. Personnel from the Washington State Patrol's Fire Protection Bureau and the State Emergency Management Division of the Washington Military Department have been staffing the EOC.

The State Fire Services Mobilization Plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment and other resources from around the state when wildfires exceed the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions.

The State Enhanced 911 Office in cooperation with local telephone carriers reminds all citizens in the affected fire areas to:

- Stay off the telephone unless you have a critical need to make a telephone call. Remember a FAX or a computer also uses a telephone line and its use may affect your ability to get immediate help in a life-threatening emergency.
- DO NOT call 9-1-1 unless you need an emergency response from police, fire or emergency medical personnel.
- If you experience other types of problems not related to these emergency services, call the appropriate telephone number for those services.
- DO NOT call 9-1-1 unnecessarily. 9-1-1 lines must be kept open for people who have a true emergency.
- If you pick up your telephone to make a call and do not hear dial tone, DO NOT HANG UP. Simply wait a few seconds, and you will get dial tone and be able to make your call.

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